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This is responsive to the Official Action dated January 14, 2003, and is submitted in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 1.21. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

15 **IN THE CLAIMS**

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Cancel claims 15-40 without prejudice.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction of the original claims submitted and 20 election of one of two groups of the claimed invention. Applicant elects for prosecution Group I claims 1-14, drawn to an image sensing method and the components and steps of the image sensing method, classified in class 348,